

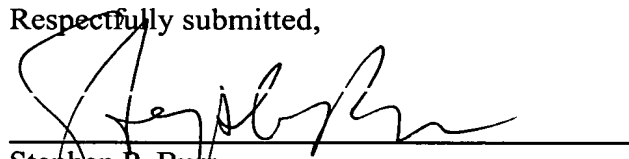
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending herein. Applicant has amended claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 to eliminate multiple dependent claims. Applicant has also amended the abstract to contain 150 words or less. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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